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Vŭtreshni Voyski (Interior Troops)

1. Vŭtreshni Voyski (Interior Troops) comprise approximately one division of carefully selected young Communist party members. The men are given regular military training and their purpose is to ensure domestic security and assist the regime in the event of internal disorders. Headquarters of Vŭtreshni Voyski is located on the premises of the former American College at Simeonovo in the immediate vicinity of Sofia. The area around the headquarters is restricted and the approaches are closely guarded. The chief of Vŭtreshni Voyski is one General GILIN, a former partisan.

Military Schools

2. The regular course of the Vasil Levski Military School has been reduced from three years to one year. Training and preparation of the cadets is not satisfactory. The Infantry section of Vasil Levski is located in Sofia. The Cavalry section is located in Silistra and is commanded by Colonel Kiril GEORGIEV, an old-time officer.
3. The Infantry School for reserve officers is located in Tŭrnovo. Chief of this school is General Pesho ILIEV, a former army captain who was promoted to the rank of general on 9 September 1944. A section of the Infantry School for reserve officers is located in Silistra together with the Cavalry section of the Vasil Levski Military School. This Artillery School for reserve officers is located in Sofia at the barracks known as "Arsenala."

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Miscellaneous Information on Bulgaria

4. Headquarters of the Supreme Committee for Physical Culture and Sports is located in the former Hotel London on Pirov Street near the municipal meat market in Sofia. The overall personnel of the Committee was recently reduced from 300 to 200 people. The function of this Committee is to coordinate and promote physical culture throughout the country. The executive board consists of a president and three deputy presidents directly responsible to the Prime Minister. The Committee comprises one deputy minister from each of the existing state ministries. The President holds the rank of Cabinet member and has the authority to veto any decision of the executive board or the broad Committee.

5. [redacted] Bulgarian personalities:

a. Colonel Todor PARMAKOV [redacted]

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b. General Ivan KINOV [redacted]

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c. Boyan ATANASOV [redacted]

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d. Dr. Nisim MEVORAH [redacted]

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6. Since the recent monetary reform in Bulgaria and the lifting of rationing the cost of living has risen considerably. Consumer goods are in short supply and their prices are prohibitive. The average monthly wage is about 800 leva which cannot meet the minimum requirements of the average family. Cabinet Ministers get 2,000 leva per month and their living quarters are furnished by the government. A recent Government regulation has boosted the import duties on articles sent by parcel post to an all-time high. A pair of nylon stockings is taxed 200 leva and people can no longer afford to receive packages from friends or relatives abroad.

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